inhabitants or of the trustees of any school district, or of the commission-

ers of primary schools, or of any other officer created under the provisions

of this act, shall be set aside or adjudged to be void for defect of form, or

for any irregularity therein, so as the requisitions of the said act are sub-

stantially complied with.

APPROVED, May 20, 1862.

CHAP. LXXVII.—An Act prescribing the Qualification of Electors in the Cities of

Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That in all municipal elections
in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia,
during the existence of the present rebellion, every person who shall offer
to vote at any such election, and who shall be challenged by any legal
voter on the ground of disloyalty to the government of the United States,
shall, before his vote shall be received, in addition to the requirements
now established by law, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirm-
ation, namely: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that
I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government
of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign;
that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordi-
nance, resolution, or law of any State Convention, Legislature, or order
or organization, secret or otherwise, to the contrary notwithstanding, and
that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and purpose, without any
mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and, further, that I have
always been loyal and true to the Government of the United States. So
help me God." The said oath or affirmation may be taken before any
justice of the peace, notary public, or other person legally authorized to
administer oaths in the District of Columbia; and the production of the
certificate, in writing, of any such justice of the peace, notary public, or
other person so authorized to administer oaths, with a copy of such oath
or affirmation, that said oath has been taken and subscribed to by the
person producing such certificate, shall be deemed by the commissioners
of election sufficient evidence of the fact. And it shall also be lawful
for the commissioners of election, or any one of them, during the time
of holding such elections, to administer said oath. And any person or per-
sons violating said oath, or making any false statement in taking the same,
shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of wilful and corrupt perjury,
and shall be liable to be indicted and prosecuted to conviction before any
court in said District of Columbia having competent jurisdiction thereof.

APPROVED, May 20, 1862.

CHAP. LXXIX.—An Act to provide for the Codification and Revision of the Laws of the
District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the
United States be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint, by
and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three suitable persons, learn-
ed in the law, to revise and codify the laws of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the persons who shall be thus
appointed shall render a final report of their revision and codification to
Congress on or before the first Monday of December next.

APPROVED, May 20, 1862.

CHAP. LXXX.—An Act to authorize the Appointment of Medical Store-keepers and
Chaplains of Hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War